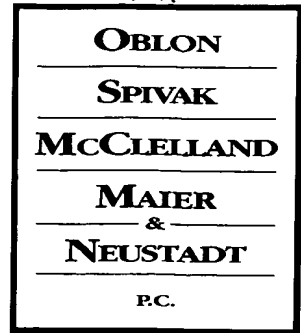




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration**

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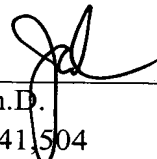
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Responsive to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.